

## SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – March 10, 2014

Present: John Alves, Willit Mason, Priscilla Dunn, Dave Norton, Susan Waddington

Absent: Jim Tusino, Neal Abelson, Richard Wallace, Jason Adamonis

The meeting was called to order by the chair, John Alves, at 7:30 in the Planning Board Room at Town Hall.

*The minutes of our January 27, 2014 meeting* were unanimously approved by those in attendance at the meeting, pending clarification of whether \$30,000 or \$40,000 remained with the Historic Commission for roof repair.

*Update on Town Meeting vote:* We were all quite pleased and surprised that the vote to approve was virtually unanimous.

*Update on current projects:*

*Open space:* The Foster Company has submitted an invoice for \$6,400 to cover the cost of appraisals for both the Bittersweet and Read St. properties. (The money was previously approved by the Committee.) We also received a \$55.00 bill from SITEC for additional work done on the Bittersweet Drive property. There will be a meeting between the Land Trust and the Turner family in the near future. Once/if a price can be agreed on, an application for funds will be submitted to this committee by the Land Trust. The Bittersweet Drive property application will take longer to develop. John will find out the date of the spring Town Meeting and how much money the Committee can expect to have by May.

It is expected that the Cuddigan property will be finalized this month.

*Old Town Hall:* Dave brought up problems concerning the roof. Is the building to be renovated as a historic project which was the CPC understanding. When the architects drew up the plans for the 1<sup>st</sup> bids, they were using Home Depot figures. Dave has written up specs for the roof but do those plans need an architect? He has a contact whose specialty is historic renovation. One problem is that Old Town Hall has never been listed as an historic building, although it seems to be within the Historic Commission's purview to do so. The Committee

urged Dave to follow through on this ASAP. John reminded Dave that we have no application from the Historic Commission that would cover historic renovations and suggested that an application be filed so we can discuss it and then decide whether to carry it forward to Town Meeting.

*There were no new applications to discuss.*

*Round Table:*

Susan mentioned the Seekonk Reporter article on the Historic Commission and suggested that the Commission work with the existing community garden group in planning their new garden.

John reported that the next Town Meeting is June 9. He also said that Susan has volunteered to write an article for the Reporter on progress at the Habitat House and the successful warrant article for Seekonk Commons. He also mentioned the Roger Williams University Community Partnership Center.

Next meeting: To be determined and somewhat dependent on the two Open Space projects/

Respectfully submitted

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